Foreword to the New Edition

It is by the grace of Allaah that administrators of the Madrassahs have favoured the Mahfoozaat series with great acceptance. It was therefore necessary to print a new edition. Furthermore, the Qur'aanic verses and Ahadeeth in the first and second parts of the series had no references, so some people felt the need to have these included. References have therefore been added in sequence at the end of the book so that teachers may refer to them. Another reason for reviewing the first part was the fact that it contained only 25 verses of the Qur'aan. More verses were therefore added with references. The sizes of the books have also been increased. We hope that this book will be as beneficial to you as the first, Inshaa Allaah.

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A Humble Plea

There are two parts to the guidance that Allaah sent His Nabi ρ with. The Qur'aan serves as the text and the Ahadeeth serve as the commentary to this text. Teaching these two things is the objective of the Arabic Madrassahs and passing is dependent on these two. The student therefore needs to memorise some of these. Apart from this, the other benefits of the Mahfoozaat are:

1. It develops the student's ability to recite Arabic text. People with insight have observed that memorising a single sentence assists in reading ten sentences.
2. The Mahfoozaat assist in understanding because when something is memorised, it becomes easier to understand something.
3. The Mahfoozaat assist in remembering the details of various injunctions because memorising the basis of the injunctions makes remembering the details all the more easier.
4. The greatest benefit of the Mahfoozaat will be realised after the student qualifies and is exposed to the field of Da'wah and reformation of the general public. The verses of the Qur'aan and Ahadeeth will then be a great support because they contain the basic fundamentals of Deen.

The Mahfoozaat have many benefits to them and although it is not commonplace in the Indian subcontinent to memorise such things, but adopting something useful as and when the opportunity arises is an act of true intelligence. Because memorising is emphasised in the Arab world, it is seen that Arab Ulema quote verses of the Qur'aan and Ahadeeth without hesitation in the conversations. Our students are however deprived of this even though they exert themselves much more in their studies. The fact that the Arabs have the advantage of knowing the language should not make one lose courage because when our children are able to memorise the Qur'aan without understanding it, how much more easier will it be to memorise after understanding? It is the responsibility of the administrators of the Madrassahs and guides of the Ummah to divert people's attention towards this and start the process of memorisation.

I have long had the desire to prepare a part of the Mahfoozaat to be introduced from the first to the fifth year according to the capabilities of

the students. This however did not materialise until I had to prepare a selection for my own children. When I saw the benefits of it, I could not bear to deprive the children of the entire Ummah to realise the same benefits.

This is the first rung of this ladder, aimed at the students of the first year. The amount of subject matter has been reduced because the capability of the student is at its inception. In fact, in certain Madrassahs, this is used as a preparatory year when students learn Faarsi mostly.

The following is asked of teachers teaching the Mahfoozaat to the first year students:

1. The students should be made to memorise the book at the end of the year when only two months are left. By then, they should be capable of doing so.
2. Do not give the students detailed explanations. Emphasise on memorisation only. Do however ensure that they know the meanings of the individual words, for this will help.
3. The students should learn the Arabic together with the translation.
4. Revise four past lesson with every new lesson.
5. A new lesson will not be perfect at first, but ensure that it is learnt perfectly the next day. Censure the student if this is not the case.
6. Listen to all that has been learnt every Thursday.
7. Students should say the lessons clearly and not hastily.
8. Listen to every student individually. If the class is large, they may recite together or in groups.
9. The most important factor is that the teacher should himself memorise the work. It will have a bad effect on the children if he does not do so.
10. The students should be taught not to memorise a long sentence at once. They should repeat a few words in a loud voice and then say them without looking in. thereafter, they may learn another few words and when they know them, the two groups of words should be learnt together. They should then go further in this manner. If any word does not latch on to the tongue, they should say it repeatedly and Inshaa Allaah, it will be memorised.

To the students:

1. Understand the methods outlined above and employ them.

2. Learn a fixed amount of the book daily. Never learn haphazardly, otherwise you will get tired very soon.
3. Recite the lessons to a friend every day.
4. These Mahfoozaat are not exclusively for the first year students. A student in any year may learn them if he does not know them.

We pray that Allaah illuminates the young hearts of the Ummah, strengthen their memories and increase their zeal and fervour. Aameen.

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Verses of the Qur'aan

I seek Allaah's protection from the accursed Shaytaan

1. In the name of Allaah, the Most Compassionate, the Most Merciful.
2. All praise belongs to Allaah, the Rabb of the universe (Surah Faatiha, verse 1)
3. You Alone do we worship, and You Alone do we ask for help (Surah Faatiha, verse 4)
4. Guide us to the straight path (Surah Faatiha, verse 5)
5. Know that there is none worthy of worship but Allaah (Surah Muhammad ρ, verse 19)
6. Muhammad ρ is the Rasool of Allaah ρ (Surah Fatah, verse 29)
7. Verily the only (acceptable) Deen in the sight of Allaah is Islaam (Surah Aal Imraan, verse 19)
8. Say, "Indeed it is the guidance Allaah that is true guidance" (Surah Baqara, verse 120)
9. It is Us Who have revealed the Qur'aan and it is Us Who will protect it (Surah Hijr, verse 9)
10. This is the Book in which there is no doubt (Surah Baqara, verse 2)
11. None but the pure ones may touch it (the Qur'aan) (Surah Waaqi'ah, verse 79)
12. Verily Allaah has power over all things (Surah Baqara, verse 20)
13. Allaah is Independent while all of you are dependent (Surah Muhammad ρ, verse 38)
14. The knowledge of our Rabb extends over all things (Surah A'raaf, verse 89)
15. Allaah's hand is above theirs (Surah Fatah, verse 10)
16. Verily Allaah is with the patient ones (Surah Baqara, verse 153)

17. Obey Allaah and His Rasool ρ so that mercy may be shown to you (Surah Aal Imraan, verse 132)

18. Whoever obeys the Rasool ρ has obeyed Allaah (Surah Nisaa, verse 80)

19. We have sent you (O Rasulullaah ρ) only as a mercy unto the universe (Surah Ambiyaa عليهم السلام, verse 107)

20. Worship Allaah and ascribe not any as partner to Him (Surah Nisaa, verse 36)

21. We have certainly created man in the best form (Surah Teen, verse 4)

22. Allaah taught man what he knew not (Surah Alaq, verse 5)

23. Indeed the righteous (Mu'mineen) shall be immersed in bounties (in Jannah) and the sinners will surely be in Jahannam (Surah Infitaar, verses 13-14)

24. Whoever (sincerely) does an atom's weight of good will see it (its consequences when he is rewarded for it) (Surah Zilzaal, verse 7)

25. Whoever does an atom's weight of evil (without securing Allaah's forgiveness for it) will see it (its consequences when he is punished for it) (Surah Zilzaal, verse 8)

26. Verily good deeds annul sins (Surah Hood, verse 114)

27. None will bear the burden (the sins) of another (Surah An'aam, verse 164)

28. Allaah grants wisdom to whomsoever He pleases (Surah Baqara, verse 269)

29. Indeed the most honourable amongst you is the one with the most Taqwa (Surah Hujuraat, verse 13)

30. Establish salaah and pay zakaah (Surah Baqara, verse 43)

31. Verily salaah prevents from immoral behaviour and evil (Surah Ankaboot, verse 45)

32. O you who have Imaan! Why do you say that (you have done things) which you did not do? (Surah Saff, verse 2)

33. Do not unlawfully eat the wealth of each other (Surah Baqara, verse 188)

34. Assist each other in righteousness and acts of piety (Surah Maa'idah, verse 2)

35. And do not assist each other in sin and transgression (Surah Maa'idah, verse 2)

36. We emphatically advise man to be good to his parents (Surah Ahqaaf, verse 15)

37. Do not walk arrogantly on earth (Surah Luqmaan, verse 18)

38. When you enter your homes, then greet yourselves (Surah Noor, verse 61)

39. Eat, drink but do not waste (Surah A'raaf, verse 31)

40. The Mu'mineen are but brothers (Surah Hujuraat, verse 10)

41. The reward for a favour is but another favour (Surah Waaqi'ah, verse 60)

42. Allaah has set a measure for everything (Surah Talaaq, verse 3)

43. On Allaah do we rely (Surah A'raaf, verse 89)

44. Indeed the mercy of Allaah is close to those who do good (Surah A'raaf, verse 56)

45. The remembrance of Allaah is the greatest thing (Surah Ankaboot, verse 45)

46. Every soul shall taste death (Surah Ambiyaa عليهم السلام, verse 35)

47. The Aakhirah is better and more everlasting (Surah A'laa, verse 17)

48. The pleasure of Allaah is the greatest thing (Surah Taubah, verse 72)

49. Say, "O my Rabb, increase my knowledge" (Surah TaaHaa, verse 114)

50. Peace be to the messengers عليهم السلام and All praise belongs to Allaah the Rabb of the universe (Surah Saaffaat, verses 181-182)

Ahadeeth

1. Actions are judged according to their intentions
2. Salaah is Noor, Sadaqah is a proof and patience is a light
3. Fasting is a shield
4. Verily the Deen is simple
5. Deen is to give advice
6. Seeking the knowledge of Deen is obligatory for every Muslim
7. The best of speech is the Speech of Allaah (rather recite Qur'aan instead of speaking)
8. The best of ways is that of Muhammad ρ
9. The worst of matters are fabricated ones (acts of Bid'ah)
10. Every fabricated act (in Deen) is a Bid'ah
11. Every act of Bid'ah leads one astray
12. Every act leading one astray shall lead to Jahannam
13. Modesty is part of Imaan
14. Du'aa is the essence of worship
15. Purity is half of Imaan
16. Salaah without purity is not accepted
17. Allaah is Pure and accepts only that which is pure
18. When any of you comes for the Jumu'ah salaah, he should take a bath

19. The places most loved by Allaah are the Masaajid
20. The paces most detested by Allaah are the marketplaces
21. Truthfulness leads to righteousness
22. Lying leads to vice
23. The evil eye is true (it really happens and needs to be treated)
24. Befriend only a Mu'min
25. Allaah is Kind and loves kindness
26. Good character is righteousness itself
27. Every good deed is Sadaqah
28. Calm is from Allaah and haste is from Shaytaan
29. Greet with Salaam before speaking
30. Make Salaam common amongst you
31. The tale-bearer shall not enter Jannah
32. Every picture-maker shall be in Jahannam
33. Never speak ill of the dead
34. Never ask people for anything
35. Say *Bismillaah*, eat with your right hand and eat that which is in front of you
36. None of you should ever stand and drink
37. The Miswaak purifies the mouth and pleases the Rabb
38. Modesty is an integral branch of Imaan
39. He who does not show mercy will not have mercy shown to him

40. Verbally abusing a Muslim is sinful and physically abusing him is Kufr

41. True patience is that which is exercised when the first blow strikes

42. The one who points to a good deed will earn the same reward as the one who carries it out

43. Avoid sitting in the streets

44. Oppression will be extreme darkness on the Day of Qiyaamah

45. When Allaah intends good for a person, He grants him understanding of the Deen

46. Your tongue should always be moist with the Dhikr of Allaah

47. Death is a gift for a Mu'min

48. Remind your dying ones to recite *Laa Ilaaha Illallaah*

49. The best of all Dhikr is *Laa Ilaaha Illallaah*

50. That person will enter Jannah whose last words are *Laa Ilaaha Illallaah*